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Letter dated 21 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I am forwarding herewith to you as President of the Security Council the letter dated 18 September 2001 from the President of the Republic of Macedonia, H. E. Mr. Boris Trajkovski, addressed to the Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, the Rt. Hon. Lord Robertson of Port Ellen, PC (see annex I) and the letter dated 17 September 2001 from the Foreign Minister of the Republic of Macedonia, H. E. Mrs. Ilinka Mitreva, PhD, addressed to the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe Chairman-in-Office and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania, H. E. Mr. Mircea Geoana (see annex II).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of this letter and its annexes circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Srgjan **Kerim**, PhD
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex I to the letter dated 21 September 2001 from the Permanent Representative of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

Allow me at the onset to reiterate the gratitude of the Republic of Macedonia for the timely and adequate response of the Alliance to our efforts to find a way out of the current crisis provoked by the Albanian terrorists and their illegal armed groups, which through violence and terror want to destroy the democratic process in the country and to impose the rule of arms. Their disarmament and elimination as an influencing factor is the first and most important step and precondition to the normalization of life in Macedonia.

I would also like to thank you for your visit on 14 September 2001 to Skopje and to follow up on our constructive discussions. As I have already indicated, the Republic of Macedonia wishes to host an Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) and European Union monitoring mission in the framework of the forthcoming phase of re-establishment of sovereignty throughout the whole territory of the country. Of course, the Macedonian authorities would be primarily responsible for the security of any international monitors. However, we recognize that concerns may remain about their security.

The Republic of Macedonia would therefore be prepared to support a light NATO presence in the country, following the conclusion of Operation Essential Harvest, which would provide for additional contribution to the security of the monitors. In this context, I should like to ask whether NATO could accept such a mission.

If you agree in principle, we can begin discussion immediately on the modalities of such a security presence that would accordingly be specified in a separate memorandum of understanding or other adequate arrangement.

(*Signed*) Boris **Trajkovski**
President
Republic of Macedonia

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The Republic of Macedonia is soon to start the implementation of the fourth phase of the plan and programme for overcoming the crisis in the country and the establishment of peace and security, the aim of which is to restore normal conditions. In this regard, I would like to inform you that the Government of the Republic of Macedonia, at its 15th session, on 11 September 2001, decided to increase the number of OSCE monitors in the country. The Macedonian Government believes there is a need for a further enhancement of the OSCE spillover monitor mission to Skopje with additional and sufficient resources in order to provide the necessary support to Macedonia in facilitating, monitoring and assisting with the implementation of the provisions of the Framework Agreement, in particular of annex "C".

The Macedonian Government trusts that such an enhancement will contribute to the maintenance of stability and security and to the building of confidence. It will also contribute to the start of reconstruction efforts.

The Government of the Republic of Macedonia specifically requests, as a priority, a rapid deployment of OSCE monitors and police advisers in numbers sufficient to provide a visible presence throughout the sensitive areas, in accordance with the needs defined by the Government, of which OSCE will be informed in due course. By its presence, OSCE can contribute to the strengthening of the confidence of the population, can facilitate the conditions for the safe return of persons who have left their homes and now seek to return, and through observation of the situation and reporting of incidents can assist in deterring acts of violence.

The Government also invites OSCE to provide assistance in other areas, as set forth in annex "C", especially the programmes on police training, media and inter-ethnic relations, in particular through the appropriate OSCE institutions, as well as by the OSCE spillover monitor mission to Skopje, as arranged with the Government. Some of these programmes should have a strict time frame. The Government would also welcome OSCE involvement through its Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, as practised in the past, during the forthcoming conduct of censuses and elections in the Republic of Macedonia.

The Government of Macedonia reaffirms that it will be fully responsible for the full protection, safety and security of the OSCE mission and its members.

I hope that OSCE will approve the mission enhancement in accordance with the needs specified above by the Government of the Republic of Macedonia.

(*Signed*) Ilinka **Mitreva**
Foreign Minister
Republic of Macedonia